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PASS LABOR FOR SEGALL, PERSONS AND QUACKENBUSH

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TAGS: ILO AORG

SUBJ: ILO: BLANCHARD MAKES HIGH-LEVEL STAFF APPOINTMENTS

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1. ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL BLANCHARD REPORTEDLY HAS DECIDED TO FILL VACANT ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL POSITIONS AND TO NAME SURENDRA JAIN OF INDIA TO VACANT DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL POSITION. BLANCHARD IS EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE APPOINTMENTS AT MAY GOVERNING BODY SESSION.

2. DDG JOHN MCDONALD TOLD LABATT THAT BLANCHARD HAS APPOINTED SURENDRA JAIN, DIRECTOR OF ILO ASIAN REGIONAL DEPARTMENT AS THIRD DDG. IN DOING SO, BLANCHARD PASSED OVER SEVERAL CANDIDATES NOMINATED BY INDIAN GOVERNMENT. JAIN'S REPLACEMENT HAS NOT BEEN CHOSEN.

3. BLANCHARD HAS DECIDED TO FILL ADG POSITIONS AND TO GIVE THEM REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES. REGIONAL DIRECTOR POSTS (AT D-2 LEVEL) WILL BE ABOLISHED. MCDONALD SAID THAT ASTAPANKO WOULD BE STAYING ON AND PRESUMABLY WOULD BE GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR EUROPEAN REGION. MCDONALD BELIEVES SOVIET DECISION NOT TO REPLACE ASTAPENKO IS RESULT OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY
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AND SOVIET MINISTRY OF LABOR IN WHICH FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS UNABLE

TO REPLACE ASTAPENKO WITH ONE OF THEIR CANDIDATES.

4. MCDONALD CONFIRMED THAT BLANCHARD HAD OFFERED ADG APPOINTMENT TO YOSHIMURA (REFTEL) AND SAID THEY WERE STILL WAITING FOR REPLY FROM YOSHIMURA AND GOJ. MCDONALD BELIEVES THAT YOSHIMURA'S APPOINTMENT WOULD PLEASE EMPLOYERS GROUP, AND THAT YOSHIMURA WOULD BE PARTICULARLY EFFECTIVE ADG. HE NOTED YOSHIMURA'S LONG EXPERIENCE AS EMPLOYERS REPRESENTATIVE WITH OTHER ASIANS, HIS OUTGOING AND AGGRESSIVE PERSONALITY, AND HIS ABILITY IN ENGLISH, FRENCH AND SPANISH.DALE

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